

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at
7.30pm on Monday 12 July 2010**

Present: Mrs F Evans Rogers (formerly Mrs F Evans), Mr K Beaumont, Mr P Carr, Mrs F Hopkins, Dr C Rowe, Miss D Williams and Mrs M Wilson

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

Also present for part of the meeting: County Councillor Peter Bellfield

A minute's silence was held in memory of Jim Ward, a former Chairman of the Council.

**Councillor
Actions**

1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

It was noted that Mr Jowers was unable to attend.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 May 2010

These were signed as a true record.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

Standing Orders: Use of Email

There was some concern that Standing Order 3 b i (the electronic service of notice and agendas of meetings on councillors) excluded anyone who did not have access to email from becoming a parish councillor. It was **RESOLVED** to:

- adopt Standing Order 3 b i but to give further consideration to the matter in the event of a prospective councillor not having access to email.

Open Weekend in Suffolk

It was noted that the grant of £100 made to the Council by SCC towards the Bealings Challenge Cup had not been received. Mr Beaumont agreed to chase the payment.

KB

4 Police

It was noted that no police representative was able to attend and a promised report had not been received. It was noted from the 12PT monthly report that there had been one burglary from an isolated dwelling and one theft from a very isolated storage building in the parish during June.

5 Highways

Bealings School Parking

It was noted that the VHMC had received a quote of £8,500 including VAT for works to improve a part of the car park surface. Cllr Bellfield had offered a contribution of £1,000 from his locality funding if the rest of the money could be raised elsewhere. No new sources of funding had been identified by Suffolk ACRE and LSP money was not available. Mike Wood, SCC School Travel Plan advisor, had advised that, although there was a 'park and stride' initiative within school travel planning, this relied on informal

agreement with another party to provide parking and he questioned whether the school could provide funding for Village Hall car park works when the car park was not within the school's ownership.

A letter had been sent to the Chairman of the School Governors requesting a copy of the School Travel Plan and comments on the situation, but no reply had been received. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to send a further letter requesting a reply in time for the next Council meeting on 13 September.

Church Footpath

SCC had obtained quotes for improvement to the footpath, giving different options dependent upon funding sources. It was unlikely that funding would be available from the SCC access improvement budget whilst the kissing gate remained on the route. The quotes would be passed to the PCC for consideration.

Footpath No 6

A meeting had been held with SCC and the Chairman of the VHMC, Mrs Shaw, to discuss improvements to the steep section of the footpath where it entered the playing field. SCC had obtained a quote for the work but had not advised if funding was available. The information would be passed to Mrs Shaw to pursue the matter.

New Permissive Footpath

The plan from SCC had been displayed on the notice boards.

Road Closures

It was noted that SCC had carried out the works to Playford Road and the resultant surface was much quieter. However, Mr Bellfield advised that the current surface was only temporary and a top layer and white lining would be provided in due course.

6 Planning

Applications

C10/1169: Longacre, Playford Road – Erection of cart lodge, store and home store

It was noted that SCDC had refused this application.

C10/0929: 10 Holly Close – Erection of Single-storey Outbuilding (existing garage to be demolished)

C10/1018: The Old Stables, The Street – Erection of Single-storey Side Extension

C10/0493: Devonian, Sandy Lane – Erection of new Roof over Dwelling, Front and Rear Extensions and Creation of Raised Deck adjacent to south western corner of Dwelling

It was noted that SCDC had approved these applications.

C10/0607: 8 Holly Close – Erection of air sourced heat pump

It was noted that this application had been withdrawn.

LDFs

SCDC

Mr Carr reported on his attendance with the Chairman at SCDC's Town and Parish Planning Forum held on 8 June. It had been very well attended and covered an update on the LDF, enforcement and the most effective way for towns and parishes to contribute to the planning process. The papers would

be circulated to Councillors.

SCDC had advised that it had adopted the LDF Core Strategy as Interim Planning Policy but, in view of major impending changes to the planning system recently announced by the Coalition Government, it was aware that a reassessment of the Core Strategy would be necessary. Revision to some policies may be required. In consequence it had delayed submission to the Secretary of State and further public consultation. A copy of the Core Strategy and details of the policies 'saved' from the Local Plan would be circulated to Councillors.

IBC

It was noted that an update on the public hearings to examine the LDF documents was awaited from the Council. Mrs Evans Rogers offered to attend.

7 Finance

Letters of thanks for donations had been received from Mrs Gosling, the Benefice for the Magazine, the Village Hall Trust and the Playing Field.

Income and Expenditure

The Chairman reported the following income and expenditure:

Income:

- Nil

Expenditure:

Cheques were signed as follows:

- Suffolk ACRE: Accident Insurance Policy Premium: £27
- Clerk's salary and expenses, including annual allowance: £976.75

8 Matters Arising from Circulated Items

Circulation 2010/04 had been returned to the Clerk. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to respond to SCC's Local Flooding Survey by advising of surface water flooding by Firecrest Nurseries in Hall Road.

There were no matters arising from items circulated by email, but, as agreed at the Council meeting on 4 January 2010, details of public consultation on new Nuclear Power Stations would be published in the Benefice Magazine.

9 Correspondence

It was noted that:

- SCDC had requested information on allotments as a part of the planning process and had been advised that the parish had none.
- the information held by SCDC in respect of outdoor sport and play space had been updated, and new information supplied as requested in respect of indoor facilities at the Village Hall and Angela Cobbold Memorial Hall.
- In view of the deadline for a reply, SCDC had been advised that the Council supported the Village Hall Trust's request for the release of playspace funds for the installation of a drinking water tap at the

Playing Field.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to reply to a letter from Bealings Village Hall Trust agreeing to its request for the release of Parish Plan funds for:
 - the implementation of Parish Plan Action 7 (investigate recycling sites and liaise with SCDC concerning wider provision) by funding glass recycling bins at the Village Hall
 - the implementation of Parish Plan Action 11 (work with Village Hall Management Committee to improve lighting and warning notices) by funding lighting works
- not to attend an SCC 'We mean business road safety workshop'
- to publicise information from SCC on reporting anti-social behaviour in the Benefice Magazine
- that the following correspondence would be circulated to Councillors:
 - SCC: Guidelines for Speed Management
 - Local Councils Updates Issues 128 and 129
 - Clerks and Councils Direct issue 70
 - Suffolk ACRE AGM papers
 - SALC: The Local Councillor Issue 2 2010
 - ONS: 2011 Census – Councillor Handbook
 - Leiston, Saxmundham and District CAB Annual Report 2009/2010
 - Natural England: withdrawal of lead on introduction of white-tailed eagles
 - Spa Pavilion July events

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council would be on 13 September 2010.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.50pm.